



# News Release

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## **2012 Federal Junior Duck Stamp Program Louisiana Winners**

The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service sponsors the annual Federal Junior Duck Stamp Art Competition. The Federal Junior Duck Stamp Conservation and Design Program (JDS) is a dynamic arts curriculum that teaches wetlands and waterfowl conservation to students in kindergarten through high school. The program incorporates scientific and wildlife management principles into a visual arts curriculum with participants completing a JDS design as their visual “term paper”.

Louisiana had a total of 304 entries from 10 Elementary Schools, 3 Middle/Jr. High Schools, 7 High Schools and 5 Independents (Art Guilds and Home School). Group I had 52 entries, Group II had 168 entries, Group III had 65 entries and Group IV had 20 entries.

This year’s judging took place on 28 March at the headquarters/Visitor Center for the Tensas River National Wildlife Refuge (TRNWR), in Tallulah, Louisiana. The panel of five judges consisted of artist, graphics designer, federal biologists and retired waterfowl biologist. The talent displayed in this year’s competition was amazing. There were truly works of art in every grade level. The judges had a hard time selecting a winner.

Noah Bounds from Blanchard won “Best of Show” with his painting of a Ruddy Duck. His artwork has been sent to Washington D.C. for the national Junior Duck Stamp competition which will be shown live at [www.fws.gov/juniorduckstamp](http://www.fws.gov/juniorduckstamp) on 20 April.

Every competitor will receive a certificate. The top thirty-six winners in each group will receive a ribbon. The Best of Show winner will also receive \$100. Each participant who attends the Award’s Ceremony at the Birding/Heritage Celebration on 28 April at Tensas River NWR Visitor Center will receive a prize. The top thirty-six Louisiana winning pictures will be displayed around the state during the year. A sampling of the winners’ artwork can be viewed at: <http://www.fws.gov/tensasriver/>.

### **Best of Show**

Noah Bounds, Blanchard LA

### **Group I (K-3<sup>rd</sup> Grade)**

1<sup>st</sup> Place: Dustin Ekiss, Bailey McCurley, Amy Andalib

2<sup>nd</sup> Place: Greer Young, Portia Carcane, Porter Hays

3<sup>rd</sup> Place: Leyla Kamyar, Matthew Creppel, Anna Vaughn

Honorable Mention: Kylee Ponthieux, Maxfield Mores, India Bennett, Cameron LeBlanc, Seth Poirrier, Marissa Porter, Thomas Matherne, Kaitlyn Apperley, Mikal Lee, Joel Porter, Landyn Haas, Morgan Delatte, Ashley Mayfield, Taylor White, Isabella Yan, Kyle Peters

## **Group II (4<sup>th</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> Grade)**

1<sup>st</sup> Place: Julia Constant, Esther Luo, Caroline Buras

2<sup>nd</sup> Place: Lindsey West, Gabriella Bourgeois, Deduny Herath

3<sup>rd</sup> Place: Whitley Procell, Tasnia Monir, Dustin Miller

Honorable Mention: Katherine Haik, Bailey Dupre', Amanda Farris, Hannah Elkholy, Ella Pittman, Theodore Thyssen Jr., Evonne Yany, Bethany Ekiss, Tayla Thibodaux, Ransome Freeman, Natasha Thorpe, Luke Felterman, Brett Bryant, Pratina Pinnepalli, Cotie Price, Daphne Wyble

## **Group III (7<sup>th</sup>-9<sup>th</sup> Grade)**

1<sup>st</sup> Place: Byron Price, Lauren Gerald, Katie Lott

2<sup>nd</sup> Place: Alicia Degen, Christopher Gros, Cynthia Burglass

3<sup>rd</sup> Place: Smantha Oalman, Morgan Stafford, Megan Whitecotton

Honorable Mention: Yancy Cox, Siera Williams, Triston Thomas, Cody Morris, Meredith McCullough, Alan Ayala, Austin Lebo, Grianna Rauch, Damianna Davis, MaKenna Sumrall, Amber Peltier, Desiree Hutchinson, Brianna Watson, Prentiss Gilmore, Nathan Polk, Stephanie Crowe

## **Group IV (10<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> Grade)**

1<sup>st</sup> Place: Joshua Breaux, Alexandra Sauer

2<sup>nd</sup> Place: Jeremy Mayet, Hayden Taquino, Mengru He

3<sup>rd</sup> Place: Christhian Sanchez, Lauren Barre, Katherine Gerosa

Honorable Mention: Emily LocCoco, April Ahmed, Kristen Delavne, Cecella Marise, Amber Pollard, Gabby Sanchez, Sarah Higgins, Darius Davis, Jonathan Populis

I would like to recognize the following teachers, parents and art schools for supporting the LA Junior Duck Stamp Art Contest: Regina Babin, Mulberry Elementary; Elizabeth Lott, BRCVPA, Buchanan Elementary; Elizabeth Porter, Home School; Stephanie Kuhn, Leo Kerner Elementary; Samantha Hano, J.S. Clark Magnet Elementary; Janet Robinson, Artists Guild Unlimited; Summer Steward, FJHS; Sharon Fornea, Franklinton Jr. High; Patricia Hart, Slidell High; Rose Ann Holloman, Benton High; Melanie Prather, Mount Carmel Academy; Georgette Davis, Tensas High, Tensas Elementary; Donald Edwards, Nature Art Gallery; Barbara Morello, Assumption Parish Schools; Alicia Breaux, Lakeshore High; Traci Brown, Tallulah Academy; Lisa Bellow, N.S.U. Elem. Lab School; Cynthia Moss, Newton Smith 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Center; Honoree Tigrett, Trinity Foundation Prep School; Rhonda Cobb, Home School; and Marian McLellan, Ursuline Academy H.S.

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